

JOINT RESOLUTION.

(To amend sec. 51, art. 3, State Constitution.)

[H. J. R. No. 4.]—Joint resolution proposing to amend section 51, article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the establishment and maintenance of a home for indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors.

SECTION 1. *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:* That section 51, article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant, or authorize the making of any grant of public money to any individual, association of individuals, municipal, or other corporation whatsoever: *Provided, however,* the Legislature may grant aid to the establishment and maintenance of a home for indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers or sailors who are or may be bona fide residents of the State of Texas, under such regulations and limitations as may be provided by law: *Provided,* that such grant shall not exceed the sum of \$100,000 for any one year: *And provided further,* that the provisions of this section shall not be construed so as to prevent the grant of aid in case of public calamity.

SEC. 2. This resolution shall be submitted by the Governor to a vote of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature of the State of Texas at the next general election, to be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1894, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to section 51, article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas," and all those opposed to the amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to section 51, article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas."

SEC. 3. Immediately after the election the officers of each precinct shall forward to the county judge of their county a duplicate return, showing the number of votes cast for and against the amendment, and on the following Monday the county judge shall open and count said returns, and forthwith forward to the Secretary of State, in a sealed package, a tabulated statement thereof, showing the total number of votes cast in the county for and against the amendment; and on the fortieth day after said election the Secretary of State shall, in the presence of the Governor and Attorney-General, open and count said returns; and if it shall appear from the returns that a majority of the votes were cast for said amendment, it shall be the duty of the Governor, on the following day, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to issue his proclamation setting forth the fact that said amendment has received a majority of all the votes cast upon that question at said election, and shall proclaim that said amendment has become and is a part of the Constitution of the State of Texas, and the amendment shall take effect from and after said publication.

Approved April 8, A. D. 1893.